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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. JAMES FLETCHER

1. STA HAS PROVIDED SCICOUNS WITH FOLLOWING TENTATIVE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR VISIT OF DR. JAMES FLETCHER. PROPOSED SCHEDULE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION, BUT DOES NOT YET HAVE APPROVAL OF STA MINISTER MORIYAMA, WHO CURRENTLY IS OUT OF CITY. ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSED OCTOBER 7 DATE FOR COMMENCEMENT OF VISIT ALSO AWAITING MORIYAMA'S RETURN, BUT STA IS PROCEEDING ON ASSUMPTION IT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO MINISTER. DEPT AND NASA WILL BE ADVISED PROMPTLY AFTER MINISTER MORIYAMA'S DISCUSSION.

2. PROPOSED SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 7, MONDAY

AM COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

OCTOBER 7, MONDAY

AM MEETING WITH SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION

PM (COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER - TENTATIVE) MEETING WITH NASDA

OCTOBER 8, TUESDAY

AM MEETING WITH OFFICIALS OF GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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CONCERNED WITH SPACE

PM PUBLIC LECTURE

MEETING WITH KEIDANREN (FEDERATION OF ECONOMIC
ORGANIZATIONS) SPACE DEVELOPMENT PROMOTION COUNCIL

OCTOBER 9, WEDNESDAY

VISIT TO NASDA TANEGASHIMA SPACE CENTER

OCTOBER 10, THURSDAY

JAPANESE NATIONAL HOLIDAY (SPORT DAY) - SIGHTSEEING IN KYOTO

OCTOBER 11, FRIDAY

PM VISIT TO STA'S AEROSPACE LABORATORY - TOKYO AREA

OCTOBER 12, SATURDAY

AM MEETING WITH SPACE ACTIVITIES COMMISSION - IF NEEDED.
PRESS CONFERENCE

3. ABOVE SCHEDULE IS AS PREPARED BY STA AND DOES NOT RPT
NOT INCORPORATE EMBASSY SUGGESTIONS, INCLUDING, OF
COURSE, MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR HODGSON. IN COMMENTING
ON SCHEDULE, YAMANO, STA SPACE COUNSELOR, NOTED THAT IT
DID NOT INCLUDE VISIT TO JAPANESE AEROSPACE MANUFACTURER,
BUT THAT THIS COULD BE ARRANGED IF OF INTEREST TO DR. FLETCHER.
LOGICAL PLACE FOR SUCH VISIT WOULD PROBABLY BE MITSUBISHI
AIRCRAFT PLANT IN NAGOYA, WHICH IS BUILDING A ROCKET.
SATELLITE MANUFACTURERS WOULD BE OTHER POSSIBILITIES.
EMBASSY BELIEVES INDUSTRY VISIT WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

4. MEETING OF OCTOBER 8 AM WITH GOVERNMENT SPACE AGENCIES
WOULD PROVIDE DR. FLETCHER WITH OPPORTUNITY TO BE BROUGHT
UP TO DATE ON ALL SPACE RELATED PROGRAMS. YAMANO DID NOT
HAVE DEFINITIVE LIST OF AGENCIES WHICH WOULD BE INVITED,
BUT IT WILL CERTAINLY INCLUDE TOKYO UNIVERSITY SPACE
INSTITUTE, AND AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THREE JAPANESE
GEOSTATIONARY APPLICATIONS SATELLITES (I.E. NHK - JAPAN
BROADCASTING CO., NTT - JAPAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPHS,
AND JMA - JAPAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY).

5. YAMANO ALSO PROMISED SCICOUNS COPY OF SPACE ACTIVITIES
COMMISSION DECISION ON POST-APOLLO PROGRAM, WHICH WAS
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APPROVED AT AUGUST 7 MEETING OF SAC. THIS WILL BE
FORWARDED AS SOON AS TRANSLATION COMPLETED.

6. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE FURTHER COMMENTS ON SCHEDULE
AND ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS IN NEAR FUTURE. IN MEANTIME,
BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON DR. FLETCHER AND INFORMATION ON OTHER
MEMBERS OF PARTY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
HODGSON

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